

HB

358

HOUSE BILL NO. 358

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE IVAN

Introduced:

Referred:

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

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1 prizes to the race contestants; or

2 (B) a game of chance where a prize of money is awarded for
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(c) *[Repealed, § 5 ch 105 SLA 1995.]*

(1) cash prizes may not be awarded;

(2) only money substitutes such as chips or scrip may be used by a player in the activity;

(3) the money substitutes may be exchanged only for prizes other than money and may not be otherwise exchanged or sold; and

(4) additional limitations may be established by the department under adopted regulations.

(d) The total value of door prizes offered or awarded under authority of a permit issued to a municipality or qualified organization under this chapter or under authority of a multiple-beneficiary permit may not exceed \$20,000 a month or \$240,000 a year.

(e) The total value of all door prizes offered or awarded at a single facility or bingo hall or parlor by an operator on behalf of authorizing permittees may not exceed \$20,000 a month or \$240,000 a year.

(f) A person under the age of 19 years may not play a bingo game.

(g) A municipality or a qualified organization may award a maximum of \$1,000,000 in prizes each year in activities authorized under this chapter; however, if a municipality or a qualified organization

FISCAL NOTE

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Revision Date: 1/9/96
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 Requestor: Rep. Ivan

Dept. Affected: Community & Regional Affairs
 BRU: _____
 Component: _____
 COMPONENT SERIAL NO. _____

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars) (inflation not included)

OPERATING	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02
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TRAVEL						
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MISCELLANEOUS						
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CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
Revenue Code						

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GE Match						
1004 GE						
1005 GE/Program Receipts						
1006 GE/MHTIA						
Other						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of current year (FY 95) impact: \$ none

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

Prepared By: Remond Henderson, Director *Remond Henderson* Phone: 465-4808
 Division: Administrative Services Date: 1/9/96
 Approved by Commissioner: Mike Irwin *Mike Irwin* Date: 1/9/96
 Agency: Mike Irwin, Dir. of Community & Reg. Affairs

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 Agency: Department of Revenue

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Kuskokwim 300 Race Committee
P.O. Box 300
Bethel, Alaska 99559
907 543-3300

January 11, 1996

Ivan M. Ivan
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

Fax #: 465-4589

Dear Representative Ivan:

We have received a copy of house bill number 358. Of course the Kuskokwim 300 race committee supports this measure. We see no reason why the Iditarod should have the sole opportunity to stage such contests. We raise virtually all our money locally and yet we are able to stage the second largest dog race in the world. We have mainly a volunteer organization and are very careful with our money as evidenced by the fact we have never finished a year without a surplus.

On a similar subject, we would like you to look into the issue of our prize payout limit. For rippies, the total limit per year is one million dollars. However, because of the State's interpretation of the payout rules, included in that one million dollars is the money we pay to mushers for purses. There has been a regulatory change proposed that would eliminate that problem. However that regulation is bogged down somewhere and has not been passed. Legislative assistance would be greatly appreciated on that issue. Again, somehow the Iditarod has managed to avoid that problem through some form of exemption that is not available to us.

Thank you for keeping us advised of legislative matters pertaining to our race.

Best regards,


Myron Angstman
Race Chairman

THE "KUSKOKWIM 300" IS AN ANNUAL DOG SLED RACE
FROM BETHEL TO ANIAK AND BACK
The Race Route follows Old Dog Team Mail Routes Along The Kuskokwim River

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Representative Ivan M. Ivan

Changes to HB 358

The only changes in this bill are in section two.

Subsection A adds conducted by a dog mushers' association. This is to ensure that money raised in this manner goes to promote the sport of dog mushing.

Subsection B defines how the three elements of chance shall work. The first element is primary and the other two are secondary and tertiary tie breakers.

Subsection B also drops the mileage qualification and replaces it with the qualification that the Charitable Gaming Division recognize the group that is sponsoring the race.

**Sectional
HB 358**

Rep. Ivan M. Ivan

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***Section 1. Authorizes the expansion of AS 05.15.180(b). This statute is expanded by adding "dog mushers' contests" to the list of permissible activities.**

***Section 2. Inserts the definition of "dog mushers' contest" into AS 05.15.690(12)(b). A dog mushers' association that is recognized by the Charitable Gaming Division to run a dog race will be able to run a mushers' contest in conjunction with the race.**

***Section 3. Last year HB 146 became law with a sunset clause for the year 2000. Any changes to AS 05.15.180(b) between 1995 and 2000, will sunset in 2000 without an exemption clause, which is found in this section. This section saves having to reenact new legislation in four years.**

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1996 RACING SEASON
MID AND LONG DISTANCE RACES

***Excel 300

Simms, MT
December 17-23, 1995
Entry Fee:
Contact: Doug Swingley, PO Box 131, Simms, MT 59477
Phone: (406) 264-5944 Fax (406) 264-5943

***Kobuk 220

Kotzebue, AK
December (actual date not set as of 11/10/95)
Entry Fee: \$270
Contact: Kotzebue Dog Muthers Association c/o Hadley Hess,
PO Box 964, Kotzebue, AK 99752 Phone (907) 442-2600 or
(907) 442-3715 Fax (907) 442-3716

***Two Rivers 200

Two Rivers, AK
December 30, 1995
Entry Fee:
Contact: Helen Helgren, PO Box 16115, Two Rivers, AK
99716 Phone: (907) 488-3114 Fax: (907) 488-9253

***Knik 200

Wasilla, AK
December 30, 1995
Entry Fee: \$150 until Dec 1, after Dec 1: \$200
Contact: Barb Redington, PO Box 877452, Wasilla, AK 99687
Phone & Fax (907) 76-6730 / Tom Mundy, Phone (907) 776-4817

***Copper Basin 300

Glenallen, AK
January 13, 1996
Entry Fee: \$285
Contact: Doug or Cindy Rhoads Brown Bear Rhodhouse, PO
Box 110, Glenallen, AK 99598 Phone (907) 822-3663 Fax (907)
822-5268

***John Beargrease Sled Dog Marathon

Duluth, Minnesota
January 21-26, 1996
Entry Fee: \$500 by 12/1 \$600 after 12/1
Contact: Bernice Gagnon, Race Coord, 314 W Superior, Duluth,
MN 55802 Phone (218) 722-7631, Fax (218) 722-3675

***Klondike 300

Big Lake, Alaska
January 20, 1996
Entry Fee: \$300
Contact: Bert Kleinberg, PO Box 521020, Big Lake, AK
99652 Phone (907) 892-6261 Fax (907) 892-6445

***Gold Rush Trail Sled Dog Race

Quesnel, British Columbia
January 26-29, 1996
Entry Fee: \$123 Canadian
Contact: Jeffrey Dimsdale, Secretary, Box 4473, Quesnel, BC
V2J 3J4 CANADA Phone (604) 249-5710 or 992-9143 Fax
(604) 992-2418

***Tustumena 200

Katukof, Alaska
Feb 1-2, 1996
Entry Fee: Pru \$150 & Am \$50 before 1/15. Pru \$200 & Am
\$75 after 1/15
Contact: Evg Gehhardt, PO Box 220, Katukof, AK 99610 Phone
(907) 262-5037

***Kuskokwim 300

Bethel, Alaska
January 26, 1996
Entry Fee: \$300
Contact: Christy Davis, Race Manager, PO Box 300, Bethel,
AK 99559 Phone (907) 543-3300 Fax (907) 543-3153

***Wildcat Musher Marathon

Hudson Bay, Saskatchewan
February 16-25, 1996
Entry Fee: \$150
Contact: Shirley Dombrowsky, Box 1695, Hudson Bay, SK
CANADA S0E 0Y0 Phone (306) 865-3344 Fax (306) 865-2911

Portage 200

Unalakleet, Alaska
Feb 2-4, 1996
Entry Fee: \$200
Contact: Doug Kachatag, Norton Sound Sled Dog Club,
Unalakleet, AK 99684 Msg phone: 907-624-3493

***Race to the Sky 500

Helena, Montana
February 10, 1996
Entry Fee: \$500
Contact: Pam Ott, 736 N Ewing Street, Helena, MT 59601
phone (406) 442-2335 or (406) 442-4008

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Helena, Montana
February 11, 1996
Entry Fee: \$300
Contact: Pam Ott, 736 N Ewing Street, Helena, MT 59601
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***Yukon Quest International

Fairbanks, Alaska
February 10, 1996
Entry Fee: \$800 til 8/31, \$1,000 9/1-10/31, \$1,200 after 10/31
Contact: Michelle Roberts, Business Manager, PO Box 75015,
Fairbanks, AK 99707 phone (907) 452-7954 Fax (907) 452-
8878

***Upper Peninsula 200

Marquette, Michigan
February 15-18, 1996
Entry Fee: \$275 til 1/1 \$375 after 1-1
Contact: Dennis Olson, Race Director, UP Sled Dog
Association, 500 N 3rd Street, Marquette, MI 49855 Phone
(906) 428-9307, Fax (906) 226-7596

***Nushagak Classic

Dillingham, Alaska
February 16, 1996
Entry Fee: \$250
Contact: Chris Napoli, PO Box 605, Dillingham, AK 99576
Phone (907) 842-2414 Fax (907) 842-5933

Jr. Iditarod

Wasilla, Alaska
February 24-25, 1996
Entry Fee: \$50
Contact: Jr. Iditarod Race Committee, PO Box 870800, Wasilla,
AK 99687 phone (907) 376-5155 Fax (907) 373-6928

Iditarod

Wasilla, Alaska
March 2, 1996
Entry Fee: \$1,750
Contact: Iditarod Trail Committee, PO Box 870800, Wasilla, AK
99687 Phone (907) 376-5155 Fax (907) 373-6928

***Finmarkskspet

Alta, Norway
March 9, 1996
Entry Fee: NOK 3,500
Contact: Roger Dahl, Siengelsen N-9500 Alta Norway
Phone 47 784 31253 Fax 47 784 33463

***Percy DeWolfe Memorial Sled Dog Run

Dawson City, Yukon Territory
March 16, 1996
Entry Fee: \$200
Contact: Christine McDonald, PO Box 133, Dawson City, YT
Y0B 1G0 CANADA Phone (403) 993-5451 Fax (403) 993-6851

***Nome to Council 200

Nome, Alaska
Last weekend of March or first weekend of April (exact date not
set as of 11/11/95)
Entry Fee: \$100
Contact: Richard Buttnermeister, Box 1103, Nome, AK 99762
phone (907) 443-5948

***Kobuk 440

Kotzebue, Alaska
April (actual date not set as of 11/10/95)
Entry Fee: \$440
Contact: Kotzebue Dog Muthers Association c/o Hadley Hess,
PO Box 964, Kotzebue, AK 99752 Phone (907) 442-2600 or
(907) 442-3175

*** denotes approved qualifying races for 1996 Iditarod

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(b) With the exception of raffles, lotteries, bingo games, pull-tab games, rain classics, goose classics, mercury classics, deep freeze classics, snow machine classics, mushing sweepstakes, canned salmon classics, salmon classics, king salmon classics, an activity may not be licensed under this chapter unless it existed in the state in substantially the same form and was conducted in substantially the same manner before January 1, 1959. A snow machine classic may not be licensed under this chapter unless it has been in existence for at least five years before the licensing.

(c) *[Repealed, § 5 ch 105 SLA 1995.]*

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(3) the money substitutes may be exchanged only for prizes other than money and may not be otherwise exchanged or sold; and

(4) additional limitations may be established by the department under adopted regulations.

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(e) The total value of all door prizes offered or awarded at a single facility or bingo hall or parlor by an operator on behalf of authorizing permittees may not exceed \$20,000 a month or \$240,000 a year.

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